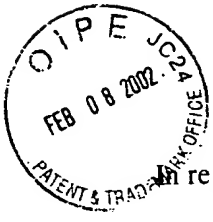


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In re application of

Wolfgang HEIL et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, kindly amend the above-  
identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Cancel~~ claims 2, 8, 15, 20 and 23-35 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-14, 16-19, 21 and 22 to read as follows (a marked up  
version of the amended claims is in an appendix attached hereto):

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1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as a first active agent,  
6 $\beta$ ,7 $\beta$ ;15 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ -dimethylene-3-oxo-17 $\alpha$ -pregn-4-ene-21,17-carbolactone, drospirenone, in an  
amount corresponding to a daily dosage, on administration of the composition, of from about  
2 mg to about 4 mg, and, as a second active agent, 17 $\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol in an amount